

DATE: July 27, 2005

FROM: Sandra Resnick, Ph.D.

RE: Third Quarterly Report FY 2005; DCHV Program

TO: Domiciliary Chiefs (or designated staff)

1. Enclosed are the results of the monitoring data (Form Z) for your site and the entire DCHV Program. The data includes information on those veterans who were discharged during Fiscal Year 2005 (October 1, 2004 through mail we received as of July 15, 2005).

2. Thanks to all of you who have been sending your monitoring forms in to us regularly, helping to keep our data current. As you know, VHA Headquarters uses the DCHV monitoring data for the VISN Directors performance measures. NEPEC downloads social security numbers, on a quarterly basis, where it is merged with the Austin outpatient and inpatient PTF databases to evaluate whether veterans are receiving VA outpatient health care services within 30 days of being discharged from the DCHV program.

3. As always, we hope that you share this information with your staff and interested VA personnel. Please call or e-mail Sandy Resnick (203-932-5711, x5106) or Sharon Medak (203-932-5711, x4313) if you have any questions.

DCHV PROGRAM MONITORING
July-05
DISCHARGES BY FISCAL YEAR

SITE	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	OCT 2004	NOV 2004	DEC 2004	JAN 2005	FEB 2005	MAR 2005	APR 2005	MAY 2005	JUNE 2005	TOTAL 2005†	TOTAL FY89-FY05††
ANCHORAGE 463	46	82	102	141	30	114	142	117	99	75	5	9	3	7	9	6	7	3	3	52	1,057
AMER LAKE 505	132	141	138	136	117	66	57	60	65	68	7	2	6	3	6	6	7	4	2	43	1,922
BAY PINES 516	50	29	53	61	85	64	79	63	64	44	7	7	2	4	3	6	7	9	3	48	946
BEDFORD 518	104	105	121	135	124	99	125	130	142	140	14	4	8	23	10	11	17	8	4	99	1,748
BILOXI 520	79	88	150	232	246	221	167	170	190	193	11	10	10	19	10	11	11	13	0	95	2,535
BROCKTON 525	73	153	148	164	156	149	150	133	134	133	11	7	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	35	1,428
BROOKLYN 527	93	89	115	135	183	167	171	176	192	179	16	15	18	18	9	8	0	0	0	84	2,063
BUTLER 529	76	81	82	103	106	115	103	102	103	93	8	4	5	8	5	7	3	3	0	43	1,321
CANANDAIGUA 532	116	159	173	288	256	168	24	22	18	39	3	4	2	5	6	15	11	1	5	52	1,457
CINCINNATI 539	113	109	114	155	153	149	150	195	211	180	18	15	13	14	4	16	19	15	0	114	2,012
CLEVELAND 541	218	240	282	323	306	332	321	298	338	356	26	27	23	29	28	35	40	40	0	248	4,013
COATESVILLE 542	149	157	152	153	220	273	364	358	342	376	52	32	32	41	30	28	36	41	34	326	3,762
DALLAS 549	94	103	118	129	123	129	133	108	105	103	7	6	2	9	3	8	0	0	0	35	1,637
DAYTON 552	42	58	69	62	50	55	55	69	67	93	12	6	6	4	7	3	7	13	3	61	1,113
DES MOINES 555	54	49	58	59	75	81	77	90	88	74	8	9	5	6	8	7	4	10	4	61	871
N CHICAGO 556	169	181	209	185	160	165	147	151	148	148	11	7	15	7	13	17	13	14	4	101	2,586
DUBLIN 557	44	63	79	90	73	82	103	101	93	91	3	9	12	20	8	19	20	13	0	104	974
HOT SPRINGS 579	103	108	131	99	101	119	115	93	114	103	5	18	6	14	12	8	12	14	0	89	1,720
HAMPTON 590	98	98	73	67	57	58	72	70	56	52	4	2	5	6	4	6	3	8	4	42	1,180
LITTLE ROCK 598	184	197	193	172	187	155	187	179	168	173	7	12	22	4	10	21	13	4	15	108	2,865
LYONS 604	146	253	281	275	261	279	281	254	244	215	21	21	20	16	17	12	27	13	9	156	3,345
MARTINSBURG 613	93	138	151	213	192	152	194	201	213	230	15	19	21	17	11	16	17	16	2	134	2,155
MONTROSE 620	144	185	296	303	237	224	236	216	175	159	15	8	10	13	10	19	17	14	2	108	3,047
MT HOME 621	90	54	110	88	123	117	94	92	71	83	9	5	5	9	3	2	9	2	0	44	1,686
PALO ALTO 640	201	171	149	209	198	199	218	204	222	194	13	15	9	15	18	15	12	19	0	116	2,966
PERRY POINT 641		47	77	131	118	106	174	202	198	207	21	19	14	14	19	19	13	2	0	121	1,381
PITTSBURGH 645	108	122	202	230	194	180	144	163	155	164	11	15	16	10	16	16	9	16	0	109	1,829
PORTLAND 648	65	118	123	119	175	167	193	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,544
PRESCOTT 649	185	103	128	106	238	224	195	157	183	286	17	15	21	21	11	10	23	12	13	143	2,472
ST. LOUIS 657	1	124	160	162	139	121	122	131	118	111	10	9	10	11	15	6	9	11	9	90	1,279
TUSKEGEE 680		7	89	136	185	124	107	127	97	110	12	11	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	31	1,013
LEAVENWTH 686	58	56	60	348	423	398	355	350	369	415	32	46	18	38	47	47	27	43	40	338	3,578
WEST LA 691	148	164	219	198	198	210	211	209	220	254	23	32	30	24	19	27	19	24	21	219	2,877
WHITE CITY 692	95	109	109	68	0	155	159	48	51	46	6	4	4	3	3	4	2	3	1	30	1,605
MILWAUKEE 695	76	63	68	65	79	98	134	72	108	100	6	7	9	3	7	10	3	5	13	63	1,393
ALL SITES	3,447	4,004	4,782	5,540	5,568	5,515	5,559	5,160	5,161	5,287	446	431	393	449	381	441	417	393	191	3,542	69,380

DCHV DATA SUMMARY FOR FY05

Jul-05

(n=3542)

ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS	
SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS	
Age (years)	
Mean	48.1
S.D.	7.9
Gender	
Males	95.5%
Females	4.5%
Ethnicity	
White	45.5%
African American	49.5%
Hispanic	3.6%
Other	1.4%
Marital status	
Married	4.9%
Separated, widowed or divorced	67.0%
Never married	28.1%
Public financial support	
SC psychiatric	3.9%
SC other	11.8%
NSC pension	6.4%
Non-VA disability	7.8%
Other public support	5.7%
Mode of program contact	
Outreach initiated by VA staff	14.0%
Referred by non-VA homeless program	2.5%
Referred by VAMC inpatient program	39.7%
Referred by VAMC outpatient program/Vet Center	13.4%
Self-referred	24.9%
Referred by VA HCMI program	2.1%
Other	3.3%

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ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

MILITARY HISTORY

Service Era	
WWII Era	0.1%
Between WWII and Korean Eras	0.0%
Korean Era	0.3%
Between Korean and Vietnam Eras	1.5%
Vietnam Era	39.9%
Post-Vietnam Era	58.0%
Received friendly or hostile fire in a combat zone	16.7%
POW	0.2%

RESIDENTIAL HISTORY

Length of time homeless:	
At risk for homelessness	5.2%
< 1 month	19.4%
1 - 6 months	37.3%
6 months < 1 year	15.1%
1 year < 2 years	8.3%
2 years or more	14.2%
Unknown	0.5%
Spent at least one night outdoors or in a shelter during the 30 days prior to admission	52.7%
Where veteran usually slept during the 30 days prior to admission	
shelter/outdoors	31.9%
intermittently with family	23.9%
institution	28.4%
residential program tx program	5.1%
own apartment	7.7%
other	2.9%

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ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS	
SELF-REPORTED HEALTH HISTORY	
Veteran perceives s/he has:	
serious medical problem	50.9%
alcohol problem	48.1%
alcohol problem past	77.6%
drug problem	44.7%
drug problem past	70.4%
emotional problem now	54.8%
Ever hospitalized for:	
alcoholism	70.2%
drug dependency	64.2%
psychiatric problem	38.1%
Prior admission to a domiciliary?	42.0%
Used VA medical/psychiatric services during the six months prior to admission	77.1%
EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME HISTORIES	
Days worked for pay during month prior to admission:	
none	88.7%
1-19 days	8.8%
> 19 days	2.6%
Usual employment pattern during three years prior to admission:	
full-time	42.3%
part-time regular	7.4%
part-time irregular/day work	16.3%
unemployed	20.5%
retired/disabled	13.1%
student	0.3%
service	0.1%
Income received in the 30 days prior to admission:	
No income received	53.4%
\$1 - \$49	5.7%
\$50 - \$99	4.6%
\$100 - \$499	15.6%
\$500 - \$999	14.9%
More than \$1000	5.8%

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DISCHARGE STATUS	
DIAGNOSES	
Psychiatric Diagnoses:	
Alcohol dependency/abuse	80.1%
Drug dependency abuse	71.6%
Schizophrenia	3.8%
Other psychotic disorder	3.3%
Anxiety disorder	10.4%
Organic Brain Syndrome	0.9%
Affective disorder	31.1%
Bipolar disorder	10.0%
Adjustment disorder	14.2%
PTSD from combat	8.0%
Personality disorder	13.5%
Other psychiatric disorder	13.6%
Serious mental illness†	49.6%
Dually diagnosed††	45.5%
Selected Medical Diagnoses:	
Oral/dental pathology	27.9%
Eye disorder	7.6%
Hypertension	27.8%
Peripheral vascular disease	2.4%
Cardiac disease	8.5%
COPD	8.5%
Tuberculosis	1.9%
Gastrointestinal disease	14.3%
Liver disease	20.4%
Diabetes	10.2%
Seizure disorder	2.5%
Dementia	0.2%
Other Neurological Disease	3.6%
Anemia	2.6%
Orthopedic problems	31.3%
Malignancy	1.5%
Significant Skin Disorder	5.2%
Sexually Transmitted Disease	2.5%
Significant Trauma	2.3%
Other medical diagnosis	42.5%

†Serious mental illness is defined as having a psychiatric diagnosis that falls into one of the following categories: schizophrenia; other psychotic disorder; mood disorders; and PTSD.

††Dually diagnosed is defined as having a substance abuse disorder and a serious mental illness.

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DISCHARGE STATUS	
Length of Stay (days)	
Mean	109.8
S.D.	73.1
Length of Stay	
< 8 days	2.6%
8-28 days	8.8%
29-60 days	13.9%
61-90 days	15.5%
91-180 days	45.6%
> 180 days	13.6%
Disposition at discharge	
Successfully completed all components	50.2%
Successfully completed some components	21.9%
Asked to leave	12.0%
Left by choice	11.0%
Transferred to other tx program	2.7%
Incarcerated	0.7%
Other	1.4%
Veteran's overall participation	
Did not participate actively	3.1%
Severe psychiatric problems impeded participation	0.8%
Substance abuse behavior impeded participation	6.8%
Severe medical problems impeded participation	0.9%
Undermined his/her own efforts	15.4%
Made use of program	31.2%
Made optimal use of program	41.0%
Other	0.8%
Living situation at discharge	
Shelter/outdoors	5.7%
HWH/transitional program	16.3%
Institution	3.8%
Own apartment or room	36.9%
Apartment of family or friend	24.3%
Left without indicating	8.3%
Another domiciliary program	2.5%
Other	2.1%

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DISCHARGE STATUS	
Employment situation at discharge	
Disabled/retired	18.5%
Unemployed	17.9%
Part-time employment	4.5%
Full-time employment	33.4%
Vocational training	1.3%
VA's IWT/CWT	13.2%
Student	0.8%
Other	2.3%
Employment status unknown	8.3%
CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT DURING DCHV STAY†††	
Personal hygiene	88.0%
Alcohol problems	88.3%
Drug problems	87.7%
Psychotic symptoms	81.4%
Mental health problems††††	85.6%
Medical problems	91.4%
Relationships with family/friends	81.0%
Employment/vocational situation	69.7%
Housing situation	78.9%
Financial status	79.6%

††† Improvement is noted for only those veterans with problems in that area.

†††† Mental health problems other than psychosis.